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SUBJECT: DOCTORS' DIAGNOSIS: SOMOZA TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

1. THE SOMOZA FAMILY NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES PUBLISHED ON  
AUG. 25 AN INTERVIEW WITH TWO OF SOMOZA'S NICARAGUAN  
PHYSICIANS, DRS. EDMUNDO BERNHEIM AND AARON TUCKLER, WHO  
HAVE NOW RETURNED TO NICARAGUA, ACCODING TO THE DOCTORS,  
SOMOZA IS RECOVERING SATISFACTORILY, WILL BE DISCHARGED  
FROM THE HOSPITAL WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS, WILL THEN  
TAKE A WEEK'S VACATION, AND WILL BE BACK IN NICARAGUA WITHIN  
THE FIRST FIFTEEN DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.

2. DRS. BERNHEIM AND TUCKLER ALSO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT: QUOTE. HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC HAS NOW COMPLETELY RECOVERED AND IS IN EXCELLENT  
CONDITION AFTER HAVING SUFFERED, ON JULY 24, AN EPISODE OF  
CARDIAC DISCOMFORT THAT WAS A MANIFESTATION OF A  
SLIGHT CORONARY INSUFFICIENCY.

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GENERAL SOMOZA WAS TAKEN TO THE MIAMI HEART  
INSTITUTE TO BE PLACED UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT AND  
OBSERVATION AND TO UNDERGO AN E-RAY EVALUATION OF  
CORONARY CIRCULATION BY MEANS OF THE PROCESS OF CARDIAL  
CATHETERIZATION AND CORONARY ANGIOGRAM. THIS EXAM-  
INATION REVEALED THAT HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
HAD A PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION OF THE LEFT CORONARY ARTERY

IN ITS ANTERIOR BRANCH, WITH EXCELLENT CIRCULATORY  
COMPENSATION THROUGH THE COLLATERAL VESSELS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC HAS NOT SUFFERED A MIOCARDIAL INFARCTION,  
THAT HIS CARDIO-VASCULAR CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY,  
AND THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER TREATMENT INVOLVING  
A RIGOROUS DIET AS WELL AS MEDICINES.

THE UNDERSIGNERS EXPECT THAT IN A FEW DAYS HIS  
EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL RETURN  
TO THE COUNTRY TO GRADUALLY REASSUME HIS FUNCTIONS.  
UNQUOTE.  
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